

Dear Vicki and Jim,

Our company left Saturday and we really enjoyed them even tho they did arrive unexpectedly. Their children were darling and they were so good we hardly knew they were around. They loved staying down stairs in the amusement room playing pool and watching television. We took them to the cabin for lunch one day and then went up to Crystal, hoping to ride up the chair lift but it isn't operating until July 3rd. We went to the space needly another day and had lunch there. The weather wasn't too nice, in fact we hardly saw the sun and now it is beautiful out.

Yesterday Mary and I looked for apartments again and then the four of us played bridge in the evening. Mary received your nice letter and of course I got to read it.

I never saw a black widow spider when we lived in the south but I knew a woman who had been bitten by one and I guess it didn't feel very good. There probably aren't any more around your house now. How are the crickets doing? I hope they are staying out of your house. Bob Carlson (Dad's brother) was sent to San Francisco to work. Deloras sold their cabin and boat but their house hadn't sold yet, fortunately, because Bob just didn't like it in San Francisco so he quit, after being there for about a month. He is on his way back to Hibbing now and plans to start his own engineering company. I hope he will be successful but it isn't an easy thing to do. He tried it before with another engineer but it didn't work out. It certainly would be nice if you could get a job in California, but it is a little frightening to think of changing jobs during times like this. So awfully many people are out of work. Jack Goldengay just got a job in Germantown, Md. which is to last for only three months. His travelling expenses weren't even paid and he said the salary was an insult to an engineer but he was really on the verge of a mental collapse since he was out of work.

Uncle Jim came in a few weeks ago and wanted Bensons and us to invest in some fail proof stock on some new battery that was supposed to last for ever. He thought it was such a good deal and checked extensively and he wanted us to get it too. One share cost 3,500 dollars. Mary and I thought about buying a share together and both dad and Mike said to do what we wanted. Even dad thought it sounded pretty good. Anyway we didn't buy any but Bensons did and my brother borrowed ten thousand from the bank in order to buy two shares. All the business men in Enumclaw bought a share and last week it was discovered to be a fraud. The F.B.I. are after the men but the best thing that happened is that every one got their money back so nothing was lost except the disappointment of not making a fortune. Back to the black widow spider again maybe you should toss the logs away from the house and if you are still there this winter it might be better to buy presto logs, as I don't think the spiders would like them as much. The crickets probably get in from that opening in your laundry room, so it would no doubt help to keep the opening tightly closed. Mary just got up and is going to take a walk around the block and I am going to iron. More later.

Love,

Mom.